



Tesla Forum of Western Australia Inc.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Introduction

This report is prepared for the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Tesla Forum of W.A. Inc. and covers the period since its 1st AGM held on 3rd of April 2005.

2. Background

Tesla Forum has initially been established as an unincorporated community group that was registered by City of Subiaco WA in November 2003.

On 20 April 2004 Tesla Forum has officially been incorporated as the Western Australian based association.

3. Objectives

The objectives of the Tesla Forum are the following:

- Proclaim the 10th of July as "Nikola Tesla Day" in (Western) Australia.
- Name one park and one of the major streets in Perth after Nikola Tesla.
- Establishment of the Tesla Annual Award for young researchers.
- Promotion of the Tesla's achievements within the general, professional, and academic communities.
- Organization of lectures and exhibitions of the Tesla legacy.
- Development and maintenance of comprehensive web site.
- Collaboration with similar associations worldwide.

4. Membership

Currently Tesla Forum has 48 individual and 5 corporate members.

5. Financial Status

The Forum is operating using a good financial practice and has no outstanding debts.

Our 2004/2005 turnover was **\$11,956** and current status of our accounts is: **\$3,265** (Tesla Forum Account) and **\$1,972** (Tesla Fund – Medal Account) with no outstanding debts.

Accounts and other pertinent information are provided in a separate document prepared for this AGM by Zoran Petkovic, Treasurer.

6. Tesla Forum's Activities & Achievements

Tesla Forum became involved in numerous projects and established cooperation with professionals and organizations from Australia and overseas.

The major events organized by Tesla Forum in the 6 months since last AGM include the following:

6.1 Tesla Day Celebration

9 July 2005 – 2nd Tesla Day Celebration in Perth

The Nikola Tesla Day dinner was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Perth to celebrate Tesla's birthday as the International Day of Science, technology, peace and cooperation among the nations and help achieve one of the Tesla Forum main objectives, the proclamation of this Day in WA.



The event was once again fully booked in advance



which only proves an extraordinary interest and respect that exist for Nikola Tesla's work and achievements.

With an excellent turnout of about ninety guests, the evening was a true tribute to Tesla, with a light show; slide presentation and speeches, all of which reflected his life and his legacy of scientific endeavour.



Amongst the many highlights of the evening, we must single out The Hon Dr Judy Edwards, Minister for Science and the Environment who held a spellbound audience as she discussed science and Tesla as well as her delight in finding a community group such as the Tesla Forum which is clearly dedicated to the advancement

of science in the community. The support she gave through her speech was clearly appreciated by all.

Also, Professor Syed Islam, from Curtin University must be singled out for his most interesting and entertaining address, which detailed Tesla's life journey.



The evening was rounded out by some fun and games

as well as a performance of jazz. All in all it was a very successful evening of camaraderie. Put the date aside for July 2006 and our Third Tesla Day Dinner. They are getting better and better every year!

6.2 Tesla Medal

Tesla Forum has the agreement with leading W.A. universities to award the **TESLA MEDALS** to university students who excel in courses related to Tesla's work. The Medals are awarded together with a cash prize.



- *School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Curtin University of Technology (donor: Danica Graphic Design Studio)*



On 6th April 2005 we presented the **1st TESLA MEDAL** and a cheque for \$300 to **Shaun Rose**, the highest grade student in **Electrical Systems** at Curtin University. This was a very exciting event for all of us as not only is Tesla Forum celebrating intellectual rigour and excellence, but also we are also spreading Tesla's ideals by supporting science and critical thinking skills.

- *School of Physics, University of Western Australia, Perth (donors: Dr Boris Martinac & Dragana Zivancevic)*



Mr **Paul Guagliardo**, winner of the Tesla medal for the student achieving highest mark in the **Experimental Physics Course**, has also won a scholarship to spend this year at ANSTO (the research facility attached to the new reactor at Lucas Heights in Sydney), where he will be working on experimental projects.

- *School of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, University of Western Australia, Perth (Donors: Dr Wally & Beverley Knezevic)*



Mr **Chiraag Patel**, the highest mark student in **Electromagnetic Theory**, is the winner of the 2004 Tesla Medal. The Medal was presented by Dr Vujo Knezevic at the ceremony organized at University of Western Australia.

The award ceremonies at the respective universities were inspiring occasions where some of the best young Australian minds were on show. TESLA FORUM members who attended these events were indeed very proud to be able to contribute to and be a part of encouraging excellence in science and thereby fostering Tesla's legacy.

- *Tesla Medal to Murdoch University student!*



- Ms Bozana Doslov is another generous donor that came forward and we are now able to award Tesla Medal to the best graduating student completing a degree in the Bachelor of

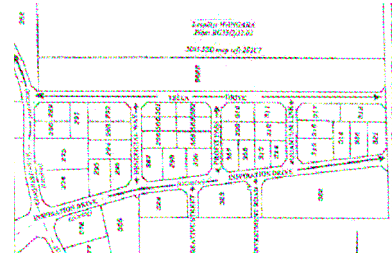
Engineering, Power Engineering or BSc Physics at the Murdoch University in Western Australia starting next year 2006!

6.3 Naming of the Streets in Perth after Nikola Tesla -

Our Street & Park Naming Subcommittee keeps having one success after another!

- **City of Wanneroo** - Wangara Industrial area

Tesla Drive in is now included in the 2006 Perth UBD (Street Directory) and it is expected to be commissioned very shortly!



- **City of Rockingham** - new General Industrial subdivision

City of Rockingham and Geographic Names Committee of the Department of Land Administration have approved the Tesla Forum's application to name a street in the City after **Nikola Tesla**. The subdivision is located at the corner of the Patterson Road and Ennis Avenue. This is terrific news and the area named is quite prominent and located near the city centre and beach.

Our understanding is that this is a done deal and we are expecting developers to advise on the anticipated completion date! Great thanks to our friends and supporters from Rockingham – Jelena Stojanovic, Sanja Spasojevic and Sharon Peacock! Their contribution was essential to this success.

6.4 Lectures

27 October 2004 - "Nikola Tesla", Lecture by Paul Pokorny, NSW Representative of Tesla Forum of W.A. Inc. at Engineers Australia Sydney Division (Joint Electrical Branch - EAust, IEE, IEEE)



Paul is the Testing Officer with the Australian Government National Measurement Institute. His presentation included brief biography of Nikola Tesla, chronology of achievements with technical explanations of Tesla's inventions, discussion of some of the controversies in regard to Nobel Prize, financing of Tesla's inventions, priority in radio Tesla's technical legacy etc.

6.5 Cooperation with other organizations

2004/2005 – "Ambassadors for Science" project



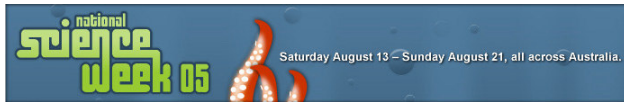
Tesla Forum is one of the inaugural participants in the "Ambassadors for Science" project, the project initiated by SciTech Discovery Centre and the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Office of Science & Innovation (www.sciencewa.net.au).

As part of this program, the scientists from Tesla Forum are made available to talk about their science careers during the year on several occasions.

This initiative is an important step in bridging the communication gap that exists between science organizations, schools and the general public in Western Australia.

Tesla Forum is represented in this program by Dr Nenad Kolibas and Dr Zoran Bozic, both from Western Power Corporation, Perth WA.

16 August 2005 – “Brain Break” – National Science Week 2005 - Breakfast in Northbridge



Tesla Forum has been invited and participated with other science-based organizations all over

Western Australia in the National Science Week events (13-21 August 2004) including the “Brain Break”. This week is designed to acknowledge the great work done by the Tesla Forum’s scientists and scientists from many other organizations.



The “Brain Break” breakfast was held at Kostas Café in Northbridge where we enjoyed some excellent coffee and burek. Other patrons in the coffee house were keen to know what we were meeting for and several took brochures home.

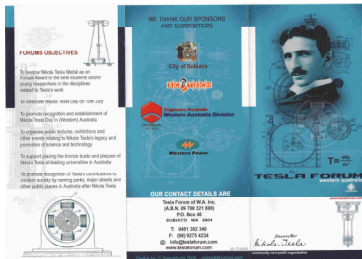
July 2005 – “Tesla Conference Room” at Western Power HQ!



A conference room in the newly refurbished Murray Street Western Power building in Perth has been named after Nikola Tesla. Tesla Forum has donated 20 Tesla mugs for this new room! Western Power is our corporate member and we are thrilled with their ongoing support!

6.6 Grants -

Sept 2004 – July 2005 City of Subiaco – Community and Cultural Development Grant



Our new brochure has been published thanks to generous support from City of Subiaco that awarded \$500 grant to support the design and publication of its new brochure. Nadica Urosevic has managed all activities related to the grant and to have the brochure published.

6.7 Other Activities -

28 June 2005 - Tesla in The West Australian!



The WEST AUSTRALIAN ED supplement in its June 2005 issue included an article submitted by Tesla Forum about Tesla and remote control.

6.8 International Nikola Tesla Day – Proposal to United Nations

Tesla Forum of Western Australia ask all leading W.A. organizations for support to help to present a proposal to United Nations to establish International Nikola Tesla Day” on 10 July, Tesla’s birthday.

“Nikola Tesla Day” will signify a day of science, progress and brotherhood among all nations and religions.

So far, the official support was received from:

- Curtin University of Technology
- University of Western Australia
- Murdoch University
- Western Power
- SciTech Discovery Centre
- Embassy of Serbia & Montenegro, Canberra
- US. Consul General, Perth
- Ministry of Science of Serbia
- Serbian Academy of Science
- Montenegrin Academy of Science and Arts
- Montenegrin Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The proposal was presented to the W.A. Premier’s Office and discussed with The Hon Dr Judy Edwards, Minister for Science and Environment.

7. Look Ahead

Tesla Forum of W.A. Inc. has become well recognized organization in the past 2 years. Our results have by far exceeded all expectations, thanks to extraordinary work of its members and fantastic support from other organizations, institutions and individuals.

Our focus in the following period will be to further consolidate the organization and to maintain ongoing projects. The highlight of 2006 will be preparing a programme for the 150th Anniversary of Nikola Tesla.

Year 2005/2006

- Organize Annual 2006 Tesla Day Celebration (150th Anniversary of Tesla) including 1-day conference, exhibition and dinner.
- Tesla Medals – maintaining the Forum’s profile and exposure to W.A. universities
- Tesla Drive in Wangara - Opening ceremony
- Consolidation of the Tesla Forum’s operation (organizational, financial, better informing of its members, increased involvement)

- 2006 National Science Week Proposal
- Ambassadors for Science – continued involvement

Long-term

- Continue lobbying for support to proclaim the International Tesla Day
- Children activity science workshops in schools or during holidays
- Organize presentations and lectures (schools, Canberra Diplomatic Missions, Community Clubs, Rotary Clubs and similar)
- Tesla bust to be erected at universities
- Naming of a park in Perth after Nikola Tesla
- Inventor's Hall of Fame Exhibition (with SciTech and Ministry of Science and Environment)
- Attracting theatre related to Tesla to Perth

8. Acknowledgements

- W.A. Office of Premier & The Hon Dr Judy Edwards, Minister for Science & Environment
- Embassy of Serbia & Montenegro, Canberra ACT and His Excellency Mr Milivoje Glisic, Ambassador
- Her Excellency Mrs Robin McClellan, U.S Cónsul General, Perth
- Curtin University of Technology, WA
- University of Western Australia
- Murdoch University, WA
- SciTech Discovery Centre, WA
- Danica Graphic Design Studio, Perth WA – donator of the monetary part of Tesla Award for Curtin University of Technology, WA
- Dr Boris Martinac & Dragana Zivancevic, Brisbane - donator of the monetary part of Tesla Award for UWA
- Dr Vujo Knezevic & Beverley Knezevic, Perth WA - donators of the monetary part of Tesla Award for UWA
- Ms Bozana Doslov, Perth WA - donator of the monetary part of Tesla Award for Murdoch University
- Western Power Corporation
- Hardware Distributors (WA) Pty Inc
- Cooling Towers (W.A.) Pty Ltd
- Broad Construction Services Pty Ltd
- Portside Construction Pty Ltd
- Bo's International Beauty Clinic
- Kings Coffee Pty Ltd
- Dragan Simic, web administrator, Perth